GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF SIXTH WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the Sixth World Hindi Conference held in London during September, 1999;

(b) the steps taken to implement these recommendations so far; (

(c) the reasons for delay in implementing these recommendations; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to remove the bottlenecks coming in the way of implementing the recommendations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) In the Sixth World Hindi Conference, the following resolutions were passed:
1) Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University should be developed as an International Centre for assimilatinginformation pertaining to Hindi from all over the World.
2) World Hindi Secretariat should start functioning at the earliest.
3) Hindi should be made as one of the languages of the United Nations.
4) Information Technology in Hindi should be developed and standardized.
5) Modern gadgets of Hindi should be liberally distributed.

(b) Government are taking necessary steps for implementing these resolutions. They include the following:
1. The Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University islooking at ways to develop as an international centre for assimilating information on Hindi.
2. The action regarding establishment of World Hindi Secretariat has already been initiated. Suitable office premises has been identified for the Secretariat to be temporarily located. As regard construction of Secretariat Building, action for identifying a suitable plot of land has been initiated
3. The question of introduction of Hindi as one of the official languages of the UN has received the attention of the Government.At present, the UN has six official languages viz. English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Chinese.The introduction of an additional official language is governed by the established rules of procedure of the Organization and would require the approval of a majority of the Member States of the UN.An important consideration in getting adequate support would be the number of national delegations who use the language, and the additional financial implications for the Member States of the UN for such a move.The introduction of an additional official language would involve significant expenditure from the regular budget of UN which is solely financed by assessed contributions of its Member States. Article 17(2) of the UN Charter provides that`the expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the members as apportioned by the General Assembly`. The matter is, however, under consideration of government to see how far this is feasible, especially in the light of the financial crisis facing the UN.
4. Necessary action with regard to development of Information Technology in Hindi is being initiated.
5. Hindi Software and CD ROM are being supplied to Indian Missions located in those countries where a large number of people of Indian origin and Hindi lovers are residing.
(c-d) World Hindi Conferences are organized by voluntary Hindi Organizations and Hindi lovers settled abroad.The resolutions adopted therein are only recommendatory in nature. However, so far there has not been any delay or bottleneck in the implementation of the resolutions passed in the World Hindi Conference.